

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge milestone events in the lives of Show-Me State residents who have proven down through the years to be exemplary citizens in local communities and neighborhoods through the excellence of their vocational and volunteer endeavors; and

Whereas, Arthur G. "Gary" Berendzen of Jefferson City, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as a Captain and Emergency Medical Technician with the City of Jefferson Fire Department, a leadership calling that he will draw to a close on December 18, 2008, in well-deserved retirement after thirty-years of public safety service; and

Whereas, currently the vice president of the International Association of Fire Fighters Local 671, Gary Berendzen previously served the City of Jefferson Fire Department as a driver and fireman; and

Whereas, Gary Berendzen also deserves mention of his additional service with the University of Missouri Summer Fire School, Holts Summit Fire Protection District, and Cole County Fire Protection District; and

Whereas, the father of an Eagle Scout, Gary Berendzen is an Assistant Scoutmaster and merit badge instructor for Troop 2, an Assistant Advisor for Boy Scout Venturing Crew 2002, an adult leader with Boy Scout Summer Camp, and a graduate of Wood Badge leader training, for which he was a member of Beaver Patrol and served as staff; and

Whereas, Gary Berendzen is a productive member of society through his additional work with the annual Muscular Dystrophy Association Boot Drive Collection and the MDA Summer Camp, as an usher at Saint Peter Catholic Church, and as a member of the Sons of the American Legion; and

Whereas, Gary Berendzen is justifiably proud also to be known as the beloved husband of Sharon "Sheri" Berendzen for twenty-eight years and the loving father of Jennifer and Shawn Carson, Eric and Jammie Berendzen, Adam Berendzen, and Jesse Berendzen, all of whom support and encourage his entrepreneurial skills as the owner and operator of Gary Berendzen Construction:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered thus far in the life and work of Gary Berendzen and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt best wishes as he partakes of the special opportunities and pleasures traditionally associated with the golden years of retirement; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Arthur G. "Gary" Berendzen of Jefferson City, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Mark J. Brunts
District No. 113

Representative Bill Deeken
District No. 114

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker